One for each: counting things

When you count, each thing gets one word. The last word tells how many.

WORDS TO KNOW

One for each: every thing gets one partner.

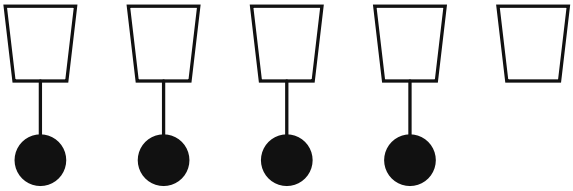
Left over: a thing with no partner.

KEY IDEAS

1. Give each thing one partner

Put one counter in each cup. Just one. Look for a cup with no counter.

> One for each. If some are left over, that group has more.



2. Say one word for each thing

Touch a thing and say one word. Then go to the next one. Things in a messy pile? Move each one away as you count it. In a picture, make a small mark on each one.

> One touch, one word. The last word is how many. Start at either end. You get the same number.

WATCH OUT

- **Touching one thing twice.** Move each thing away once it has its word.
- **Skipping a thing.** Every thing needs a word. Look for any you missed.

WORKED EXAMPLES

Example 1. You have 3 cups and 6 counters. Which has more?

1. Put one counter in each cup.
2. Every cup has one. 3 counters are still in your hand.

Answer: more counters. 3 are left over.

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